Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Restraint device ~~(1)~~ for a seat belt ~~(2)~~ in a vehicle, comprising a housing ~~(10)~~ for guiding said seat belt ~~(2)~~ and for accommodating an energy-absorbing element ~~(12)~~ adapted to cooperate with said seat belt ~~(2)~~ so as to absorb energy when a predetermined retardation condition of the vehicle is fulfilled, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said device ~~(1)~~ comprises means ~~(15, 16, 23, 27, 28)~~ for attaching the energy-absorbing element ~~(12)~~ to said seat belt ~~(2)~~ when said condition is fulfilled, said energy-absorbing element ~~(12)~~ being adapted to be attached in a lamellar manner to said seat belt ~~(2)~~ along a predetermined length thereof wherein the energy-absorbing element comprises an elongated ribbon being partly wound around an axis which is supported in said housing.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) Restraint device ~~(1)~~ according to claim [[2]] 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said axis ~~(11)~~ is arranged generally perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the seat belt ~~(2)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) Restraint device ~~(1)~~ according to claim ~~2 or 3~~ 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ribbon ~~(12)~~ is adapted to unwind in a direction that is common with the motion of the seat belt ~~(2)~~ when said condition is fulfilled, and where [[the]] part ~~(12a)~~ of said ribbon ~~(12)~~ being wound about said axis ~~(11)~~ exercises a force counteracting said motion.

5. (Currently Amended) Restraint device ~~(1)~~ according to claim 1 wherein ~~any one of claims 2-4, characterized in that~~ the ribbon ~~(12)~~ is made of a plastic material.

6. (Currently Amended) Restraint device ~~(1)~~ according to claim 1 wherein ~~any one of claims 2-4, characterized in that~~ the ribbon ~~(12)~~ is made of a metal material.

7. (Currently Amended) Restraint device ~~(1)~~ according to claim 1 wherein ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the means ~~(15, 16, 23, 27, 28)~~ for attaching the energy-absorbing element ~~(12)~~ to said seat belt ~~(2)~~ comprises a first plate ~~(15)~~ and a second plate ~~(16)~~, with the energy-absorbing element ~~(12)~~ and the seat belt ~~(2)~~ being guided between them, and an actuating device ~~(27, 28)~~ for bringing said plates ~~(15, 16)~~ together in the event of said condition being fulfilled.

8. (Currently Amended) Restraint device ~~(1)~~ according to claim 7, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ said actuating device ~~(27, 28)~~ comprises an explosive charge ~~(27)~~ and an ignition device ~~(28)~~ for igniting said explosive charge ~~(27)~~ in the event of said condition.

9. (Currently Amended) Restraint device ~~(1)~~ according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 7 wherein ~~or 8, characterized in that~~ the first plate ~~(15)~~ is equipped with a predetermined number of nails ~~(23)~~ directed towards the second plate ~~(16)~~, which nails ~~(23)~~ are adapted to penetrate the energy-absorbing element ~~(12)~~, the seat belt ~~(2)~~ and to be fastened in the second plate ~~(16)~~ during said bringing together of said plates ~~(15, 16)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) Restraint device according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 7 wherein ~~9, characterized in that~~ the actuating device ~~(27, 28)~~ is arranged so as to be activated depending on the operation of a seat belt ~~(2)~~ pre-tensioner ~~(8)~~ in said vehicle.

11. (Currently Amended) Restraint device ~~(1)~~ according to claim 1 wherein ~~any one of the preceeding claims, characterized in that~~ said housing ~~(10)~~ comprises a first chamber ~~(10a)~~ for accommodating said means ~~(15, 16, 23, 27, 28)~~ for attaching the energy-absorbing element ~~(12)~~ to said seat belt ~~(2)~~, and a second chamber ~~(10b)~~ for accommodating a part ~~(12a)~~ of said energy-absorbing element ~~(12)~~, said first chamber ~~(10a)~~ and second chamber

~~(10b)~~ being connected by means of a slot ~~(14)~~ through which said energy-absorbing element ~~(12)~~ and said seat belt ~~(2)~~ extend.

12. (New) Restraint device for a seat belt in a vehicle, comprising a housing for guiding said seat belt and for accommodating an energy-absorbing element adapted to cooperate with said seat belt so as to absorb energy when a predetermined retardation condition of the vehicle is fulfilled, wherein said device attaches to the energy-absorbing element to said seat belt when said condition is fulfilled, said energy-absorbing element being adapted to be attached to said seat belt along a predetermined length thereof, wherein the energy-absorbing element comprises an elongated ribbon being partly wound around an axis which is supported in said housing.

13. (New) Restraint device according to claim 12, wherein said axis is arranged generally perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the seat belt.

14. (New) Restraint device according to claim 12, wherein the ribbon is adapted to unwind in a direction that is common with the motion of the seat belt when said condition is fulfilled, and where part of said ribbon being wound about said axis exercises a force counteracting said motion.

15. (New) Restraint device according to claim 12 wherein the ribbon is made of a plastic material.

16. (New) Restraint device according to claim 12 wherein the ribbon is made of a metal material.

17. (New) Restraint device according to claim 12 wherein the energy-absorbing element attaches to said seat belt with a first plate and a second plate, with the energy-absorbing element and the seat belt being guided between them, and an actuating device for bringing said plates together in the event of said condition being fulfilled.

18. (New) Restraint device according to claim 17, wherein said actuating device comprises an explosive charge and an ignition device for igniting said explosive charge in the event of said condition.

19. (New) Restraint device according to claim 17 wherein the first plate is equipped with a predetermined number of nails directed towards the second plate, which nails are adapted to penetrate the energy-absorbing element, the seat belt and to be fastened in the second plate during said bringing together of said plates.

20. (New) Restraint device for a seat belt in a vehicle, comprising a housing for guiding said seat belt and for accommodating an energy-absorbing element adapted to cooperate with said seat belt so as to absorb energy when a predetermined retardation condition of the vehicle is fulfilled, wherein said device attaches to the energy-absorbing element to said seat belt when said condition is fulfilled, said energy-absorbing element being adapted to be attached to said seat belt along a predetermined length thereof, wherein the energy-absorbing element comprises an elongated ribbon being partly wound around an axis which is supported in said housing, wherein the energy-absorbing element attaches to said seat belt with a first plate and a second plate, with the energy-absorbing element and the seat belt being guided between them, and an actuating device for bringing said plates together in the event of said condition being fulfilled, wherein the actuating device is arranged so as to be activated with activation of a seat belt pre-tensioner in said vehicle.